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District 303 Early Childhood Program Gets Top Rating from State

St. Charles, IL – September 20, 2022 – The District 303 Early Childhood program at Fox Ridge Early Childhood Center achieved the Gold Circle of Quality rating from the Illinois State Board of Education and ExceleRate Illinois Based on the most recent monitoring results.

“We are so proud of our Early Childhood Program and all that goes into offering our youngest learners an amazing start to their education in D303!” expressed Jennifer Mursu, Director of Early Childhood at Fox Ridge.

The Gold Circle of Quality recognizes programs which have demonstrated quality on all standards, as validated by an independent assessor. Gold Circle programs meet or exceed specific quality benchmarks on learning environment, instructional quality, and all administrative standards; group size and ratios; qualifications; and professional development.

“Our dedicated team at Fox Ridge is incredibly passionate about the success of their students, and I’m proud to see their hard work recognized with the Gold Circle of Quality rating,” said Jarrod Buxton, Executive Director of Elementary Education. “Thank you to our staff for their daily commitment to making quality connections with our students and their families.”

“The education of our children is so important from an early age to support their long-term development,” Superintendent Dr. Paul Gordon said. “It’s powerful to see our young learners grasp new concepts, and I thank Jen and her team for their commitment to their growth. Each day, our Fox Ridge staff is making a positive impact on our students and positioning them for a bright future.”

Fox Ridge Early Childhood Center provides District 303’s youngest learners, age three through five, with opportunities to engage in learning and play in an accepting and engaging learning environment. It utilizes a developmentally appropriate approach to instruction to serve the needs of all children; typically developing, at-risk and those with identified disabilities. Its Early Childhood program assists families in meeting the developmental needs of our learners, and emphasizes growth through active, hands-on experiences.

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